

1.(Amended) An electromagnetic wave shielding material ~~comprises~~  
comprising  
a fibrous structure base material and a conductive metal layer, wherein  
the fibrous structure base material is a three dimensionally knitted base  
material composed of an upper ground structure, a lower ground structure and  
connection thread interconnecting the two layers, and  
the conductive layer is constituted by plating of the three dimensionally  
knitted base material with at least one conductive metal.

2, (Amended) The ~~aforementioned~~ electromagnetic wave shielding  
material of claim 1, characterized in that a heat-fusing thread is used in at least a  
portion of the three dimensionally knitted base material.

3. (Amended) The electromagnetic wave shielding material of ~~Claim~~ claim  
1, characterized in that ~~the~~ a heat-fusing thread is used by the amount of 30 to 90 mass  
% of the thread as one constituent of the three dimensionally knitted base material.

4. (Amended) The electromagnetic wave shielding material of claim 1,  
characterized in that the heat-fusing thread is a composite thread having a core-sheath  
structure in which the core of the thread is made of polyester of one type and the  
sheath portion of the thread is made of polyester of another type whose melting point is  
lower than that of the polyester of the one type, and the weight ration of the core with  
respect to the sheath is in the range of 1:2 to 9:1.

5. (Original) The electromagnetic wave shielding material of claim 1, characterized in that the connection thread of the three dimensionally knitted base material is provided so that, at a sectional portion of the three dimensionally knitted base material, the direction in which the connection thread is arranged avoids intersecting the sectional plane.

6. (Original) the electromagnetic wave shielding material of claim 1, characterized in that the three dimensionally knitted base material has a double raschel structure.

7. (Amended) ~~The~~ An electromagnetic wave shielding material ~~of claim 1,~~ characterized in that comprising

a fibrous structure base material and a conductive metal layer, wherein the fibrous structure base material is a three dimensionally knitted base material composed of an upper ground structure, a lower ground structure and connection thread interconnecting these two layers, and

a conductive metal layer of the electromagnetic wave shielding material is coated with a synthetic resin.

8. (New) The electromagnetic wave shielding material of claim 2, wherein the melting point of the heat-fusing thread is in the range of 100 to 190°C.

9. (New) The electromagnetic wave shielding material of claim 3, wherein the melting point of the heat-fusing thread is in the range of 100 to 190°C.

10. (New) The electromagnetic wave shielding material of claim 1, comprising portions having the connecting thread and portions omitting the connecting thread in well and/or course directions of the knitted base material.

11. (New) The electromagnetic wave shielding material of claim 2, wherein the heat-fusing thread is bonded or fused at contacting points.

12. (New) The electromagnetic wave shielding material of claim 1, having the structure of one of

a normally intersecting connection thread which normally intersects and interconnects the upper and lower ground structures,

a diagonally intersecting connection thread which diagonally intersects and interconnects the upper and lower ground structures, and

a truss structure including both the normally and diagonally intersecting connection threads in combined manner.